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Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/54/101/Rev.1 of 13 September 1999, the General Assembly will be required, during its current session, to appoint five persons to fill the vacancies that will occur in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, effective 1 January 2000.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Mr. Gérard **Biraud** (France);

Ms. Norma **Goicochea Estenoz** (Cuba);

Mr. Vladimir V. **Kuznetsov** (Russian Federation);

Ms. Susan M. **Shearouse** (United States of America);

Mr. Roger **Tchoungui** (Cameroon).

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

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Gérard Biraud (France)

Positions held

1997-1999	Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) as an independent, full-time expert. Participant in the seminar on oversight in the United Nations.
1996 and 1990-1992	Special Adviser to the Director, Department of United Nations and International Organizations Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris. Represented France at various international meetings and conferences, in particular on institutional, administrative, budgetary and management matters, as well as on development issues (Economic Commission for Africa, Commission on Population and Development). Member of the French delegation to the Fifth Committee and to the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) (thirty-first and thirty-second sessions and head of delegation to the thirty-sixth session). Proposed and participated in a seminar on the United Nations budgeting process (April 1992), which was approved by CPC and later by the General Assembly.
1995	Vice-Chairman, Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
1993-1995	Member of ACABQ. As an independent expert, prepared and published various studies (in French and English) aimed at streamlining and facilitating the work of the Secretariat, the Advisory Committee and the Fifth Committee in the area of the financing of peacekeeping missions. Participant in the seminar on the Organization's medium-term plan (April 1993).
1988-1990	Deputy Director and subsequently Acting Director of the European Office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Geneva. Represented UNDP at meetings of the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Actively involved in preparations for the International Conference on Central American Refugees. Coordinated and wrote a report on two years of activities of the UNDP European Office.
1983-1988	Deputy Head, Economic and Development Section, Department of United Nations and International Organizations Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Coordinated the positions of ministries and other relevant national agencies in drafting instructions for the French delegations to the United Nations (Second Committee of the General Assembly, Economic and Social Council, the five regional economic commissions, UNCTAD and its subsidiary bodies, the Commission on Transnational Corporations, the Commission on Human Settlements, United Nations funds and programmes such as UNDP, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Food Programme, the World Food Council, and specialized institutions such as FAO and the United Nations Industrial Development

Organization (UNIDO). Represented France at numerous meetings of these institutions as a member or head of delegation. Chaired various meetings of the European Community (Brussels) and of the Western Group (UNIDO).

1982-1983 Adviser to the senior official in charge of development cooperation and assistance in the Office of the Prime Minister. Coordinated and harmonized the policies of the various French ministries and agencies towards developing countries.

1980-1982 In charge of international development matters (North/South dialogue) in the Economic and Financial Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Conducted studies on international economic policy towards developing countries and directed the substantive preparations for the first United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1981.

1976-1980 Established, then headed, the Bureau for Multilateral Cooperation in the Ministry of Development Cooperation. Regular participant in that capacity in meetings of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), of relevant bodies of the European Community, and of UNCTAD, ECA, FAO and other bodies.

1972-1976 Economist in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office of Development Cooperation. Took part in various field missions, wrote and published economic analyses of several developing countries, especially in Africa.

1969-1972 Human resource economist, Ministry for Development Cooperation. Studied the relationship between population, economic activities, employment and education in 14 African countries. Undertook various field missions and conducted cost-benefit analyses of education systems.

Academic positions held

1970-1990 Gave several lectures at the Centre de perfectionnement et de documentation de la coopération économique et technique, the Institut international d'administration publique and the Centre des hautes études d'Afrique et de Madagascar.

1973-1975 Taught development economics at the École nationale de la statistique et de l'administration économique, Paris.

1971-1973 Taught economic documentation at the European Training Centre for Development Statisticians, Paris.

1965-1966 Volunteer teacher in Dakar under cooperation assistance programme.

University education

1970-1971 Diplôme d'études supérieures in economics, University of Paris.

1966-1970 Maîtrise in economics, University of Paris.

1966-1968 Institute of Social Sciences, Catholic University of Paris.

1966-1967 Institute for Labour Studies, University of Paris.

Personal data

Born in 1944 in Geneva. Father a medical doctor and international staff member of the League of Nations and the World Health Organization (WHO). Married in 1971. No children.

Languages

Spoken and written English, some knowledge of Spanish, German, Italian and Portuguese.

Computer experience

Proficient (initiation in 1974).

Honours

Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite, Chevalier du Mérite Agricole.

Hobbies

Home repairs and improvements, farming, piano, jazz and classical music.

Norma Goicochea Estenoz (Cuba)

Professional experience

Present	Senior officer in international economic organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba
1994-present	Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
1993-1994	Representative of Cuba to the Committee for Programme and Coordination
1993-1994	Member of the Committee on Contributions
1991-1992	Vice-President of the Fifth Committee during the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly
1990-1991	Delegate to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirtieth and thirty-first sessions
1990	Adviser to the President of the Conference of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Group of 77
1990	Vice-President ad interim of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme
1989	Rapporteur of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its twenty-ninth session
1989	Member of a group of guests of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to analyse topics of world economics (Washington, D.C.)
1988-1999	Representative of Cuba to the Fifth Committee during the forty-third to forty-sixth, forty-eighth and fiftieth to fifty-third sessions of the General Assembly
1987-1990	Member of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations
1987-1990	Member of the core of assistants to the Chairman of the Group of 77
1981-present	Officer-in-charge of the Fifth Committee in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba

Member of the Working Group in charge of the analysis item agency costs

Collaborator of the Cuban Research Centre of the World Economy

Senior Officer in the Division of Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Meetings and seminars

	Several seminars and round tables held in Cuba on topics related to the world economy
1985	Seminar organized by the Centre for Practical Studies of International Economic Negotiation (Geneva)

1990	Eighteenth special session of the General Assembly on the economic development of developing countries and international economic cooperation
1990	Substantive session of the Economic and Social Council (Geneva)
1986	Meeting on Evaluation of the Programme of Action for Less Developed Countries (Geneva)
1985	Latin American Meeting on Negotiations of the Code of Conduct of Transnational Corporations (Buenos Aires)
1985	Seminar organized by the Centre for Practical Studies of International Economic Negotiation (Geneva)
1984	Second International Conference on Population and Development (Mexico City)
1983, 1984, 1986	Special session of the Committee on Transnational Corporations
1983 and 1984	Preparatory Committee of the International Conference on Population and Development
1983	Regional preparatory meeting of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cuba)
1979, 1980	First and second Congress of Schools of Diplomacy and International Studies (Panama and Costa Rica)

Education

1981	University degree in international relations from the Higher Institute of International Relations, Havana

Several postgraduate courses in economics and international financial relations

Vladimir V. Kuznetsov (Russian Federation)

Professional experience

Present	Head of the Administrative and Budgetary Division, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
August 1999 to date	Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
1998 to date	Alternate member of the Budget Committee of the Council of Europe
1996-1998	Member of Russian Federation delegations to the sessions of the Preparatory Commission for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty Organization, the Programme and Budget Committee of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council
1995 to date	Member, United Nations Staff Pension Committee
1994	Member of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/218
1990-1998	Member of the Russian Federation delegation to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at its forty-fifth to fifty-third sessions; member of the delegation to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-first to thirty-eighth sessions; member of the delegation to the Committee on Conferences until 1996
1992-1996	First Secretary, Counsellor and Senior Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, New York
1990-1991	Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the USSR to the United Nations, New York
1986-1989	Member of the USSR delegation to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at its forty-second and forty-fourth sessions
1984-1989	Attaché, Third and Second Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR, Department of International Organizations, Division of Administrative and Budgetary Questions and United Nations Secretariat Affairs
1980-1984	United Nations Secretariat, New York

Education

1974-1979	Moscow State Languages University
1977	State University of New York, Albany
1980	United Nations Language Training Course, Moscow

1985 Advanced economic course, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Moscow

Other

Date of birth

4 May 1957

Marital status

Married, two children

Languages

English, French

Susan M. Shearouse (United States of America)

Current professional experience

United States Department of State

United States Mission to the United Nations

Present	Counsellor for budgetary, financial, administrative, personnel/common system and reform issues for the United Nations and New York-based United Nations programmes and funds
1983-1997	Deputy Counsellor/Adviser for budgetary, financial, administrative and personnel/common system issues for the United Nations and New York-based United Nations programmes and funds
1983-present	Delegate to the Fifth Committee
1983-1990, 1994-present	Delegate to the Committee for Programme and Coordination
1992-present	Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee
1996-present	Vice-Chairman, Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
1983-1989	Delegate to the Committee on Conferences
1986-1993	Delegate to the United Nations Children's Fund
1991-1992	Delegate to the United Nations Development Programme
1985-1986	Delegate to the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for South Africa

Previous professional experience

Project Director for Employment and Training Program for minorities in New York City, sponsored by the Sheet Metal Workers' Union

Project Monitor for employment and training programmes funded by the United States Department of Labor

Education

1976	Bachelor of arts degree from Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey

Roger Tchoungui (Cameroon)

Professional experience

At the country level

Present	Expert financial consultant approved by the courts
	Economic and financial consultant
	Lecturer at the Higher Institute of Public Management since 1993
	Lecturer at the Catholic University of Central Africa in Yaoundé
1994-present	Member of the Advisory Group on the reform of the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank
From 1993 downwards	Regular consultancies for the World Wildlife Fund
	Presentation of papers at workshops of the African Development Institute of the African Development Bank
	Various consultancies for the World Bank and its Economic Development Institute
	Presentation of papers during seminars organized by the Bank of Central African States and the Central Bank of West Africa
1989-1992	Secretary of State for Finance and later Minister in charge of the Stabilization Plan of Public Finance and Economic Recovery
1985-1989	Deputy Director and later Director of Economic Control and External Finance at the Ministry of Finance
	Monitoring currency, credit, bank, insurance, exchange and balance-of-payments matters — preparing various legislative instruments; board member of various State corporations; country correspondent of the World Bank study (Philippe Berlin) on economic financing in Cameroon; coordinator of the Follow-up Committee on Programmes and Accords with the International Monetary Fund; prepared the first programme leading to the standby agreement with the Fund in 1988-1989
1980-1985	Head of the Money and Credit Service and later Director of Credit and External Finance at the Department of Economic Control of the Ministry of Finance
1973-1980	Various positions held at the Ministry of Plan, among which was the post of Head of the Government Equipment Service

At the international level

1975-1992	Participated in various bilateral and multilateral negotiations as head of delegation or member within the framework of meetings, workshops, seminars, round tables (Economic Commission for Africa, Islamic Development Bank, Economic Community of Central African States, Central African Clearing House, InterAfrican Conference on the control of African insurance companies, Group of 77)
	Alternate auditor of the Bank of Central African States

Cameroon's adviser during the annual meetings of the African Development Bank and the International Monetary Fund

Chairman of the Management Committee of the International Insurance Institute (Yaoundé)

Alternate Governor and Governor for Cameroon at the African Development Bank and International Monetary Fund

University education

Degree in economics

Diploma of the Institut international d'administration publique, Economy and Finance Section (Paris)

Diploma from the National School of Administration and Magistracy, Economy and Finance Section

Personal information

Date of birth

24 February 1947

Marital status

Married, 8 children